



General Assembly

January Session, 2023

Raised Bill No. 1201

LCO No. 5661



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT
COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS AND
REVISIONS TO THE SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS STATUTES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Administrative
2 Services, having reviewed applications for state grants for public school
3 building projects in accordance with section 10-283 of the general
4 statutes on the basis of priorities for such projects and standards for
5 school construction established by the State Board of Education, and
6 having prepared a listing of all such eligible projects ranked in order of
7 priority, as determined by said commissioner together with the amount
8 of the estimated grant with respect to each eligible project, and having
9 submitted such listing of eligible projects, prior to December 15, 2022, to
10 a committee of the General Assembly established under section 10-283a
11 of the general statutes for the purpose of reviewing such listing, is
12 hereby authorized to enter into grant commitments on behalf of the state
13 in accordance with said section 10-283a with respect to the priority
14 listing of such projects and in such estimated amounts as approved by
15 said committee prior to February 1, 2023, as follows:

16 (1) Estimated Grant Commitments.

T1	School District	Estimated	Estimated
T2	School	Project Costs	Grant
T3	Project Number		
T4			
T5	BRISTOL		
T6	New Northeast Middle School		
T7	23DASY017088N0623	\$89,068,965	\$52,800,082
T8			
T9	CHESHIRE		
T10	New Norton Elementary School		
T11	23DASY025102N0623	\$76,656,200	\$38,328,100
T12			
T13	CHESHIRE		
T14	New North End Elementary School		
T15	23DASY025103N0623	\$89,942,900	\$44,971,450
T16			
T17	CROMWELL		
T18	New Cromwell Middle School		
T19	23DASY033055N0623	\$55,933,717	\$22,172,125
T20			
T21	MADISON		
T22	New Elementary School		
T23	23DASY076067N0623	\$61,150,000	\$11,135,415
T24			
T25	NORWALK		
T26	New South Norwalk Elementary		
T27	School		
T28	23DASY103264N0623	\$76,000,000	\$45,600,000
T29			
T30	STAMFORD		
T31	New Roxbury Elementary School		
T32	23DASY135281N0623	\$86,000,000	\$51,600,000
T33			
T34	DARIEN		
T35	Hindley Elementary School		
T36	23DASY035121EA0623	\$27,550,000	\$5,705,605
T37			
T38	DARIEN		
T39	Holmes Elementary School		

		<i>Raised Bill No.</i>	<i>1201</i>
T40	23DASY035122EA0623	\$25,600,000	\$5,301,760
T41			
T42	DARIEN		
T43	Royle Elementary School		
T44	23DASY035123EA0623	\$29,100,000	\$6,026,610
T45			
T46	HARTFORD		
T47	Expeditionary Learning Academy at		
T48	Moylan School		
T49	23DASY064319A0623	\$94,571,305	\$89,842,740
T50			
T51	HARTFORD		
T52	Parkville Community School		
T53	23DASY064320A0623	\$60,888,341	\$57,843,924
T54			
T55	HARTFORD		
T56	McDonough Middle School		
T57	23DASY064321A0623	\$59,859,491	\$56,866,516
T58			
T59	REGIONAL DISTRICT 18		
T60	Mile Creek Elementary School		
T61	22DASY218040EA0623	\$24,911,028	\$9,075,088
T62			
T63	ACES		
T64	ACES @ Bassett		
T65	23DASY244043SP0623	\$65,533,047	\$52,426,438
T66			
T67	ACES		
T68	ACES @ Chase		
T69	23DASY244044MAG0623	\$69,624,095	\$55,699,276
T70			
T71	ACES		
T72	Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet		
T73	School		
T74	23DASY244045MAG0623	\$20,180,514	\$16,144,411
T75			
T76	CROMWELL		
T77	Central Administration		
T78	23DASY033056BE0623	\$2,670,683	\$529,329
T79			
T80	STRATFORD		

T81	Franklin Elementary School		
T82	23DASY138113A0623	\$521,920	\$311,273
T83			
T84	STRATFORD		
T85	Wilcoxson Elementary School		
T86	23DASY138114A0623	\$400,946	\$239,124
T87			
T88	NORWICH		
T89			
T90			
T91	NORWICH		
T92			
T93			

17 (2) Previously Authorized Projects That Have Changed Substantially
18 in Scope or Cost which are Seeking Reauthorization.

T94	School District	Authorized	Requested
T95	School		
T96	Project Number		
T97			
T98	FARMINGTON		
T99	Farmington High School		
T100	052-0076 N		
T101			
T102	Estimated...		
T103	Total Project Costs	\$131,666,047	\$141,366,047
T104	Total Grant	\$24,924,383	\$42,409,814
T105			
T106	STAMFORD		
T107	Westhill High School		
T108	135-0280 N		
T109			
T110	Estimated...		
T111	Total Project Costs	\$257,938,824	\$301,313,888
T112	Total Grant	\$51,587,765	\$241,051,110

19 Sec. 2. Section 10-292q of the general statutes is repealed and the
20 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

21 (a) There is established a School Building Projects Advisory Council.
22 The council shall consist of: (1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and
23 Management, or the secretary's designee, (2) the Commissioner of
24 Administrative Services, or the commissioner's designee, (3) the
25 Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee, (4) the
26 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, or the
27 commissioner's designee, (5) the chairperson of the Technical Education
28 and Career System board, or the chairperson's designee, and [(4)] (6) six
29 members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a person
30 with experience in school building project matters, one of whom shall
31 be a person with experience in architecture, one of whom shall be a
32 person with experience in engineering, one of whom shall be a person
33 with experience in school safety, one of whom shall be a person with
34 experience with the administration of the State Building Code, and one
35 of whom shall be a person with experience and expertise in construction
36 for students with disabilities and the accessibility provisions of the
37 Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 USC 12101 et seq. The chairperson
38 of the council shall be the Commissioner of Administrative Services, or
39 the commissioner's designee. A person employed by the Department of
40 Administrative Services who is responsible for school building projects
41 shall serve as the administrative staff of the council. The council shall
42 meet at least quarterly to discuss matters relating to school building
43 projects.

44 (b) The School Building Projects Advisory Council shall (1) develop
45 model blueprints for new school building projects that are in accordance
46 with industry standards for school buildings and the school safety
47 infrastructure criteria, developed pursuant to section 10-292r, (2)
48 conduct studies, research and analyses, (3) make recommendations for
49 improvements to the school building projects processes to the Governor
50 and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
51 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state
52 agencies, education and finance, revenue and bonding, and (4)
53 periodically review and update, as necessary, the school safety

54 infrastructure criteria developed pursuant to section 10-292r.

55 Sec. 3. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-285a of the
56 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
57 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

58 (a) (1) The percentage of school building project grant money a local
59 board of education may be eligible to receive, under the provisions of
60 section 10-286, as amended by this act, shall be assigned by the
61 Commissioner of Administrative Services in accordance with the
62 percentage calculated by the Commissioner of Education as follows: (A)
63 For grants approved pursuant to section 10-283 for which application is
64 made on and after July 1, 1991, and before July 1, 2011, (i) each town
65 shall be ranked in descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine
66 according to such town's adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, as
67 defined in section 10-261; and (ii) based upon such ranking, a percentage
68 of not less than twenty nor more than eighty shall be determined for
69 each town on a continuous scale; (B) for grants approved pursuant to
70 section 10-283 for which application is made on and after July 1, 2011,
71 and before July 1, 2017, (i) each town shall be ranked in descending
72 order from one to one hundred sixty-nine according to such town's
73 adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, as defined in section 10-261,
74 and (ii) based upon such ranking, (I) a percentage of not less than ten
75 nor more than seventy shall be determined for new construction or
76 replacement of a school building for each town on a continuous scale,
77 and (II) a percentage of not less than twenty nor more than eighty shall
78 be determined for renovations, extensions, code violations, roof
79 replacements and major alterations of an existing school building and
80 the new construction or replacement of a school building when a town
81 or regional school district can demonstrate that a new construction or
82 replacement is less expensive than a renovation, extension or major
83 alteration of an existing school building for each town on a continuous
84 scale; (C) for grants approved pursuant to section 10-283 for which
85 application is made on and after July 1, 2017, and before June 1, 2022, (i)
86 each town shall be ranked in descending order from one to one hundred

87 sixty-nine according to the adjusted equalized net grand list per capita,
88 as defined in section 10-261, of the town two, three and four years prior
89 to the fiscal year in which application is made, (ii) based upon such
90 ranking, (I) a percentage of not less than ten nor more than seventy shall
91 be determined for new construction or replacement of a school building
92 for each town on a continuous scale, and (II) a percentage of not less
93 than twenty nor more than eighty shall be determined for renovations,
94 extensions, code violations, roof replacements and major alterations of
95 an existing school building and the new construction or replacement of
96 a school building when a town or regional school district can
97 demonstrate that a new construction or replacement is less expensive
98 than a renovation, extension or major alteration of an existing school
99 building for each town on a continuous scale; [and] (D) except as
100 otherwise provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, for grants
101 approved pursuant to section 10-283 for which application is made on
102 and after June 1, 2022, (i) each town shall be ranked in descending order
103 from one to one hundred sixty-nine according to the adjusted equalized
104 net grand list per capita, as defined in section 10-261, of the town two,
105 three and four years prior to the fiscal year in which application is made,
106 and (ii) based upon such ranking, (I) a percentage of not less than ten
107 nor more than seventy shall be determined for new construction or
108 replacement of a school building for each town on a continuous scale,
109 and (II) a percentage of not less than twenty nor more than eighty shall
110 be determined for renovations, extensions, code violations, roof
111 replacements and major alterations of an existing school building and
112 the new construction or replacement of a school building when a town
113 or regional school district can demonstrate that a new construction or
114 replacement is less expensive than a renovation, extension or major
115 alteration of an existing school building for each town on a continuous
116 scale; and (E) except as otherwise provided in subdivision (2) of this
117 subsection, for grants approved pursuant to section 10-283 for which
118 application is made on and after June 1, 2022, (i) each town shall be
119 ranked in descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine
120 according to the adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, as defined

121 in section 10-261, of the town two, three and four years prior to the fiscal
122 year in which application is made, and (ii) based upon such ranking, (I)
123 a percentage of not less than ten nor more than eighty shall be
124 determined for new construction or replacement of a school building for
125 each town on a continuous scale, and (II) a percentage of not less than
126 twenty nor more than eighty shall be determined for renovations,
127 extensions, code violations, roof replacements and major alterations of
128 an existing school building and the new construction or replacement of
129 a school building when a town or regional school district can
130 demonstrate that a new construction or replacement is less expensive
131 than a renovation, extension or major alteration of an existing school
132 building for each town on a continuous scale.

133 Sec. 4. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 10-286 of the general
134 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
135 (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

136 (2) (A) In the case of any grants computed under this section for a
137 school building project authorized pursuant to section 10-283 after July
138 1, 1979, but prior to July 1, 2023, any federal funds or other state funds
139 received for such school building project shall be deducted from project
140 costs prior to computation of the grant.

141 (B) In the case of any grants computed under this section for a school
142 building project authorized pursuant to section 10-283 after July 1, 2023,
143 any other state funds received for such school building project shall be
144 deducted from project costs prior to computation of the grant.

145 Sec. 5. Section 10-283d of the general statutes is repealed and the
146 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

147 [Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or any regulations
148 adopted under this chapter, if the town, whose school district is the
149 priority school district pursuant to section 10-266p with the largest
150 student enrollment as of October 2003, uses] A town may use any
151 federal funds received by [the] such town to finance a school

152 [construction projects] building project pursuant to this chapter, such
 153 federal funds shall be deemed to be part or all of the town's local share
 154 for such [projects] project.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
---	--	--

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-292q
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-285a(a)(1)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-286(b)(2)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-283d

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize state grant commitments for school building projects; to add members to the School Building Projects Advisory Council; to increase the reimbursement percentage range for new construction projects from ten to seventy per cent to ten to eighty per cent; and to allow boards of education to include any federal funds received as part of such board's local share of school building project costs.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]